

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present application are Claims 5-21. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Claim 5 has been amended. Claims 17-21 have been added. No new matter has been added as a result of these claim amendments.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Abdous et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,557,210 (hereinafter Abdous) in view of Boothby, U.S. Pat. No. 6,006,105 (hereinafter Boothby) and Schwitters et al, U.S. Pat. No. 6,526,413 (hereinafter Schwitters). Claims 1-4 have been cancelled, without prejudice. As such, the rejection to Claims 1-4 is moot. The rejection to Claim 5-16 is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 5-16 are neither taught nor suggested by Abdous, Boothby, or Schwitters, alone or in combination

Amended Claim 5 recites, in part:

b) synchronizing said bootstrap server with said portable computer system, wherein said server uses synchronization software which is compatible with a core set of communication functions stored in said portable computer system's non-volatile memory that is adapted to synchronize said portable computer system to a desktop computer system.

Amended Claim 5 recites that the bootstrap server synchronizes with the portable digital assistant using software on the server that is compatible with software on the personal digital assistant that is adapted to synchronize the portable computer system to a desktop computer system. Thus, software on the

personal digital assistant that is adapted for use with one type of computing device is being used to interface with a second type of computing device.

Abdous fails to teach or suggest “a bootstrap server synchronizing with a portable digital assistant using software on the bootstrap server that is compatible with software on the personal digital assistant that is adapted to synchronize the portable computer system to a desktop computer system,” as claimed.

Rather, Abdous teaches that terminals are remotely booted by a server. While, the communication code that resides on the server and the terminals may be able to allow a terminal to communicate with a server, Abdous fails to teach or suggest that the code in the terminal is “adapted to synchronize a portable computer system to a desktop computer system,” as claimed.

Moreover, the cited combination also fails to teach or suggest this claim limitation because Boothby fails to remedy this deficiency in Abdous in that Boothby fails to teach or suggest, “a bootstrap server synchronizes with the portable digital assistant using software on the server that is compatible with software on the personal digital assistant that is adapted to synchronize the portable computer system to a desktop computer system,” as claimed.

Similarly, Schwitters fails to remedy this deficiency in Abdous and Boothby in that Schwitters fails to teach or suggest, “a bootstrap server synchronizes with the portable digital assistant using software on the server that is compatible with

software on the personal digital assistant that is adapted to synchronize the portable computer system to a desktop computer system,” as claimed.

For the foregoing rationale, the limitations of amended Claim 5 are neither taught nor suggested by Abdous, Boothby, or Schwitters, alone or in combination. As such, allowance of Claim 5 is respectfully solicited.

Claims 6-10 depend from Claim 5, which is believed to be allowable for the foregoing rationale. As such, it is respectfully asserted that the rejection of Claims 6-10 has been overcome and their allowance is earnestly solicited.

Claim 11 recites, in part:

a bootstrap server having bootstrap synchronization software stored thereon, said bootstrap synchronization software operable to allow a portable computer system to synchronize with said bootstrap server by using non-volatile memory based synchronization software stored in non-volatile memory on said portable computer system, wherein said bootstrap server appears to said portable computer system as a desktop computer system.

Claim 11 recites that, “the bootstrap server appears to said portable computer system as a desktop computer system.” Applicants respectfully submit that the cited combination fails to teach or suggest this claimed limitation.

Abdous fails to teach or suggest, “the bootstrap server appears to said portable computer system as a desktop computer system,” as claimed. Abdous teaches that terminals are remotely booted by a server. Thus, the terminals regard the server as performing as a server to reboot the terminals. The server does not appear to the terminals as a desktop computer system, as claimed.

The cited combination also fails to teach or suggest this claim limitation because Boothby fails to remedy this deficiency in Abdous in that Boothby fails to teach or suggest, "the bootstrap server appears to said portable computer system as a desktop computer system," as claimed.

Similarly, Schwitters fails to remedy this deficiency in Abdous and Boothby in that Schwitters fails to teach or suggest, "the bootstrap server appears to said portable computer system as a desktop computer system," as claimed.

For the foregoing rationale, the limitations of Claim 11 are neither taught nor suggested by Abdous, Boothby, or Schwitters, alone or in combination. As such, allowance of Claim 11 is respectfully solicited.

Claims 12-16 depend from Claim 11, which is believed to be allowable for the foregoing rationale. As such, it is respectfully asserted that the rejection of Claims 12-16 has been overcome and their allowance is earnestly solicited.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 17-21 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that new Claims 17-21 are not taught or suggested in the cited art.

CONCLUSION

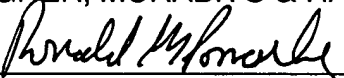
In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejected Claims is requested. Based on the amendments and arguments presented

above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 5-21 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, allowance of Claims 5-21 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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